

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1659

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum.

WHEREAS, we take great pride in recognizing those community endeavors that seek to safeguard the history of Tennessee for future generations; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary entity is the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, an educational, nonprofit organization, which is celebrating sixty years of preserving the railroad history of its region; and

WHEREAS, established in 1961, the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum is now the Southeast's largest operating historical railroad and is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary with a variety of events and programs throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum has offered runs aboard its famous steam engines, Engine 630 and Engine 4501, hosted blacksmith demonstrations and military reenactments, and showcased special exhibits at its brand new exhibit building on its Cromwell Road Campus; and

WHEREAS, other special events have included a Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders Open House to allow the public to view the under-construction, HO-model layout in the basement of the museum's General Office Building; Night Photo Shoots, offering visitors a chance to photograph the museum's steam and diesel collections; and a Rails to Reels family movie night at the Grand Junction Depot; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum is a true Tennessee treasure, and it is highly appropriate that we honor and recognize this tremendous organization on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, commending its commitment to the preservation of Tennessee's railroading history as we extend our best wishes for a successful, enjoyable year-long celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.